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SUBJ: LIFTING OF BAN AGAINST MANAS BUTHELEZI WINS APPLAUSE

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1. PRESS AND MANY PUBLIC FIGURES IN NATAL HAVE ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED CANCELLATION BY MINISTER JUSTICE KRUGER OF SIX MONTHS OLD BANNING ORDER AGAINST REV. MANAS BUTHELEZI, NATAL DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE. COMMENTATORS HAVE COUPLED APPROVAL OF LIFTING OF BAN WITH RENEWED CRITICISM OF SYSTEM THAT PERMITS SUCH ACTION AGAINST PROMINENT INDIVIDUAL WITHOUT ANY RECOURSE TO COURTS OR EXPLANATION OF REASONS. MIKE MITCHELL, UNITED PARTY SPOKESMAN ON JUSTICE, AND RAY SWART, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN PROGRESSIVE PARTY, HAVE BOTH DEMANDED THAT PARLIAMENT INVESTIGATE BANNING SYSTEM ANEW.

2. IN INTERVIEW WITH SUNDAY TRIBUNE JUNE 2, BUTHELEZI EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT CANCELLATION OF BANNING ORDER WHICH HE HAD NEVER ACCEPTED SINCE HE KNEW HE "HAD NOT COMMITTED ANY CRIME". SAID BLACKS WERE MORE VULNERABLE TO BANNING ORDERS THAN WHITES AND, AS HE HAS BEFORE, STRESSED THAT BOTH RACES MUST WORK HARDER TO ACHIEVE RECONCILIATION.

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3. FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE BY BUTHELEZI SINCE BAN LIFTED WILL
BE JUNE 5 ADDRESS AT PUBLIC MEETING AT UNIVERSITY OF NATAL
SPONSORED BY SOCIETY FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE DEATH
PENALTY.
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